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RE: Docket No. 98N-1265

I am concerned about this proposal. As an RN I understand that there is a need to oversee the activities of all pharmacies in order to make sure that the profit motive doesn't interfere with serving the public. However, I am very concerned that the commercial pharmaceutical industry is already attempting to influence the public and physicians through sometimes biased advertising and sales pitches. The compounding pharmacies that I have worked with, either for clients or for myself, do not seem to me to be "hawking" their wares. Rather, they are trying to provide quality medications that would not otherwise be available.

I currently obtain prescriptions from a compounding pharmacy that provides forms of estrogen and progesterone that are important alternatives to such drugs as Premarin. They are preferable to me because they are plant based and provide estrogen in a different compound than the commercial pharmaceutical industry provides. I would be very upset to lose this opportunity. This compounding pharmacy is not in Washington State and my doctor did call them to find out more about what they provide. My understanding of the proposed wording if approved is that such access for me and my physician would be denied.

Please amend this language.

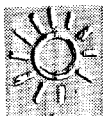
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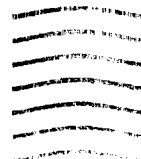
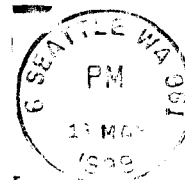
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